



Plain Talks

&  **News**

APRIL, 1972



This is the time of the year when our friends and neighbors take part in the annual Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

The grim prospects are that 52,000,000 Americans now living will develop cancer. For this reason the Crusade of the Society becomes everybody's concern — to raise more money and to strengthen its vital programs to save more lives now.

Recognizing the nation's will to conquer cancer, the Society is broadening and intensifying its support of research and its programs of rehabilitation and service to cancer patients. Unless important breakthroughs are made soon, 34,000,000 American now living will die of this disease.

The Society has long been the voluntary leader in this fight. Among its nationwide efforts is a program to persuade every woman in America to have a Pap test for uterine cancer by 1976. Riding on the success of this program alone, are the lives of thousands.

The American Cancer Society needs and deserves our support. After all, they are there when we need them.

American Cancer Society

Cancer: A Continuing Battle

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OUR COVER:

Costumed horsemen, representing the spirit of the fun loving Acadians of Southern Louisiana, prepare to ride in the Courrir du Mardi Gras. The Courrir is one of the first of many festive celebrations to be held in South Louisiana and Southeast Texas with the coming of Spring and Summer. Employees and tourists alike can take their pick of festivals in this fun loving area of our nation.

Mardi Gras: Cajun Style

Heralding in the festival seasons of Louisiana and Southeast Texas, the "COURRIR du MARDI GRAS" is just the first of many colorful events scheduled throughout our system area. The Dogwood Festival of Woodville, Texas., the Crawfish Festival in Louisiana and many more offer good times for all of us with the coming of Spring and Summer.

Conjure in your mind, a small rural farm house located somewhere in South Louisiana. The farmer, of Cajun descent, and his family have eaten their morning meal and are relaxing in the living room. The tractor is idle beside a field of harvested sugar cane, or perhaps a yam field, or maybe soy beans. There is no work on this very special day, the day of the Courrir du Mardi Gras.

Soon the sound of a single horse is heard. The family is not surprised for this is the sound for which they have been waiting. The excitement grows within the house and the farmer rises to go and meet his visitor.

Outside, a man dressed in a purple and gold robe sounds a *Conne a vache* (cow's horn) to announce his presence and tradition begins to repeat itself as it has happened a thousand times before.

Le Capitaine has selected another house for the honor of hosting the Courrie. Asked by the Captain if he wishes to participate in the Mardi Gras, the farmer responds in the affirmative and then the action begins. The Captain waves his flag and literally hundreds of horseman gallop into sight and make for the farm house.

The riders (traditionally only men) range in ages from the very young to the very old. All are dressed in gay, bright costumes and masks. Most have had (by this time) more than their share of liquid refreshment and are in the mood for dancing and singing. It's a time for joy and laughter, and for the sounds of Cajun music as played by the triangle, the accordian and the fiddle.

Soon the merriment ends and the main event is at hand. All the ceremony is conducted with one goal, to beg from the farmer something to go into the gumbo pot at the end of the day's ride. That something is usually a fat hen. The farmer picks out his best, then, letting the excitement build to a fever pitch among the revelers, hurls the chicken high in the air and the chase is on.

If you've never seen a hundred men of assorted sizes and states of sobriety trying to chase down a galloping chicken through an often muddy field, then it's hard to get a mental picture of what goes on. In the end of course the chicken loses. The fowl is finally captured and placed with the rest of the day's



Gaily dressed riders gather just after dawn to begin preparations for their ride through the countryside in search of good times and ingredients for the gumbo pot. The "ingredients" usually turn out to be nice fat chickens, and that's when the fun begins.

booty and the horsemen remount, and head out again, preceded by the Captain, for another farm house and another good time.

This is Mardi Gras in its purest form. New Orleans draws the tourists to the tune of over a million each year, but it is in the heart of Acadiana that the "true" and original meaning of Mardi Gras is re-lived. There are literally dozens of these lesser known Mardi Gras that take place in such towns as Church Point, Mamou, Ville Platte, Eunice, St. Martinville, Kaplan, Franklin, Houma and in the Capital City of Acadiana -- Lafayette.

Each one is a little different than the other, and each one has its own parade, Mardi Gras court, and *fais do-do* (Cajun dance). The commercialism of the New Orleans Mardi Gras is practically non-existent in these cities. "We welcome visitors to our Mardi Gras," said a woman in St. Martinville, "but if they don't come, we still have fun."

Mardi Gras to these fun loving people is a very special and personal event. The spirit of love is everywhere and it is their time to "let the good times roll." The visitor is always welcome and will get the red carpet treatment, but, as the lady said, if you don't

make it then that is your misfortune, for they will never miss you.

Lafayette is the hub city in this unique Acadiana area. It is a bustling city quickly approaching the 100,000 mark in population. It is here that King Gabriel and his queen, Evangeline, return each year to wish all Cajuns, where ever they might be, the good life.

Acadiana is composed of some 22 parishes in South Louisiana, and a drive is underway to extol the beauties and virtues of this land to the rest of the nation. Sandy Kaplan, a well known advertising executive in Lafayette, and member of the Southwest Mardi Gras Association, said that the Lafayette Mardi Gras "is more than just fun and games to promote Lafayette, but to promote Acadiana as well."

Seldom does a stranger to Acadiana leave as a stranger. Those that have seen the Cajun Mardi Gras, those that have tasted the delicious gumbo at the end of the day, or danced to the strains of Opelousas Soustan, Kinfolks Holler, Tee Mamou, the Evangeline Two-Step or the Acadian national anthem *Jolie Blon*, can never really ever leave a stranger. These wonderful Cajuns will see to that.

Courrir du

Mardi Gras





You Ain't Seen Nuthin' if you haven't seen Mardi Gras -- Cajun style. This sequence of photos shows action as it takes place during the *Courrier du Mardi Gras* at Church Point, La. From left to right: (1) "Le Capitaine" rides up to a farm house and asks the owners if they wish to participate in the Mardi Gras. (2) With a yes answer the captain waves his flag and the *Courrir* gallops into sight and onto the farm property. (3) All riders gather round for (4) singing and dancing, and to beg for something to go into the gumbo pot. (5) The farmer gives the riders a chicken by hurling the fowl high in the air. It is up to the riders then (6) to chase after the chicken and capture it for the gumbo. (7) Somewhere under the pile of happy riders is fowl in question. (8) Once captured, the riders, all dressed in colorful costumes, remount (9) and head for another farm. (10) One rider stretches his muscles at the conclusion of a long, but happy ride through the country. From now on its dancing and eating until the wee hours of the morning.

Sailing



With the wind filling the sails, "The Raider" skims along the surface of Lake Sabine on its way to the Committee Boat prior to the start of the race. "The Raider" beat all boats to the starting line, but finished fourth in the race when rigging problems caused her to fall behind.



Crew members of "The Raider" and other boats in the race gather around to hear final instructions from the starter before setting sail. The starter tells them the rules they must observe, and makes sure they all know the course to be run.

On A
Springtime
Day



Dana Ellis and Dick and Ann Ogden take a breather for the photographer before getting back to the serious work of last minute adjustments in making "The Raider" ready for the race. Dick is the skipper of Ship 320, while Dana (left) is First Mate. Wife Ann pitches in as needed and provides moral support for Dick.

Virtually every employee in the company has a hobby of one kind or another to pass the idle hours. Photography, hunting, fishing, painting, golf, and camping occupy a large portion of our group, while others work with youth groups such as the Boy Scouts, Blue Birds, Girl Scouts and, as is the case with Dana Ellis and Ann Ogden, Explorer Sea Scouts.

Ann (System Operations) doesn't technically belong to Sea Explorers Ship 320, but husband Dick is the "Skipper," and Ann enjoys the relationship. Dana, who works under G. T. DeLaMatyr in Engineering Research and Communications, is first mate of the ship and an advisor to the girls of the ship.

Having girls in an explorer ship is an oddity in itself. Ship 320 was the first in the Beaumont area to go co-ed, and the boys in the ship apparently liked the idea. "The girls have blended right in with the ship," said Dana, "in fact, a girl (Madeline Morman) was at the helm of our boat in our first race this year."

The idea of girls aboard caught the eye of more than just a few and now several of the ships (troops) in the Golden Triangle have co-educational crews. "We weren't trying to strike a blow for women's lib or anything," said Dana, "it's just something we wanted to try out and it has worked fine."

The ship is under the sponsorship of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaumont, and the ship's crew meets there once a week, with sailing accomplished on the weekends at the Port Arthur Yacht Club, weather permitting.

Ship 320 is a new organization which was formed in September when Dick Ogden decided to become involved. Another ship which had two boats, one under water, offered to give their sunken boat to the club. Dick and Dana got their crew together and took over the job of repairing and making their boat seaworthy. The last week in February saw the ship's dream realized as their boat hoisted its sails to participate in their club's first race.

With a newly painted red hull and refurbished decking, not to mention a new crew with girl at the helm, "The Raider" set sail on a overcast day. Seven boats of the Corinthian class were entered in the race representing Port Arthur, Bridge City and Beaumont. Most of the boats had experienced crews.

Predicted winds failed to come and many of the little boats had trouble getting underway. The one boat that seemed to have the least amount of trouble in getting onto Sabine Lake and to the Committee Boat was number 16 of Ship 320. Spirits were high as Ann, Dick and the shore-locked crew of Ship 320 watched Capt. Madeline and her two man crew maneuver the little craft waiting for the start.

When all the boats finally did get started on the course it was with a great deal of pride that Dana (on the Committee Boat), Dick and Ann watched their ship's progress.

"The Raider" didn't win the race. Trouble in trying to hoist an extra sail to catch the wind that finally came set the boat back some 25 minutes, but a late rally pulled it from sixth place to fourth at the finish line. Two Bridge City boats won this first race of the year, with a Port Arthur boat third ahead of "The Raider."

"Our kids were disappointed," said Dana, "but they gained valuable experience. We all did." It was a very good showing indeed for a little boat that had been resting under the waters of Sabine Lake, and guided by an enthusiastic but inexperienced crew. But there seems little doubt that "The Raider" will race another day, and chances are that Capt. Madeline and her crew won't be taken so lightly by the competitors.

The ship currently has 17 active members ranging in ages from 14 through 21. "What we need now," says Dana, "are more boats so that more can sail."

"The Raider" may not have won its first race, but to two ladies who have become involved with this unusual hobby, the feeling is -- just you wait and see.

GSU NEWS

FOR BATON ROUGE

Golf Tournament Scheduled

The 9th annual GSU Employees Golf Tournament in Baton Rouge has been set for May 29, at Webb Park, according to tournament co-chairman Glenn Stokes.

Webb Park, centrally located within the city, has been reported to be in top shape according to Stokes, and a large field is expected to tee off. "One thing we want to emphasize," said Stokes, "is that we will have an 8:30 a.m. tee-off time, later than it has been in the past."

The tournament, one of the most popular sporting events involving Baton Rouge employees, will be based on medal play (actual stroke count over 18 holes based on handicap in qualifying round). All flights and pairings will be determined by using the qualifying round for each entrant. The qualifying round should be shot at Webb Park, but scores on another course will be excepted. Entry fee has been set at \$600, with the entry deadline on May 15.

Two additional contests will be held in conjunction with the tournament. A hole-in-one contest will be conducted on the 17th hole, and a driving contest on the 9th hole.

Ronnie Hunt (T&D) captured the championship of last year's tourney held on the Greenwood Golf Course with a 76, four over par. Other winners included Senior Vice President Pat Murphy in the first flight, Joe Guercio took the second flight with a 96, Glenn Stokes won the

third with a 98 and Howard Buschmihle captured fourth flight honors with a 102. Ray P. Loupe was the fifth flight winner with a 115.

More details about this tournament, and two other tourneys scheduled for the system will appear in next month's **PLAIN TALKS**.



Forty-six new 1000 watt mercury vapor street lights have recently been installed in the city of Port Arthur by our company, all connected with underground wiring. These lights will provide five times the light of the older lamps. Total cost of the project was \$57,280,000. Mayor Bernis Sadler said "we are proud of another step in the beautification of the downtown area, and know the citizens will welcome this step forward." From left to right, City Manager George Dibrell, Serviceman G. K. Phillips, Mayor Sadler, Port Arthur Division Manager Randy McAlpine, Commercial Sales Representative Jack Saxon.

Orange District Anglers Have Fun In Tournament

Anglers in the Orange District held a bass tournament recently at the Fin & Feather on Toledo Bend, with Jimmy Prewitt, Jimmy Block and Doug Blevins emerging as the top fishermen.

Prewitt and Block teamed up to bring back the largest stringer in pairs fishing, and Block also managed to land the largest individual stringer. The big bass trophy however went to Blevins. No weights or sizes were given to PLAIN TALKS, but we've heard some tales about the size of bass in Toledo Bend.

Oscar Thompson brought in a two pound perch which would have taken top honors if it had been a perch tourney, but then what the hey, a fish is a fish.

Then there's the story (now get this) about Tommy Thompson who should have gotten a trophy for the most unusual catch. Tommy managed to land a rod and reel. Yep, he hooked and landed a Garcia 5000 rod and reel. What made this most unusual is that Tommy had thrown a rod and reel overboard the day before almost exactly like the one he found.

Last but not least, Paul Boudreax was awarded a trophy, not for the fish he caught (he didn't), but for the trees and brush he did manage to snag in an ecology effort to clean up the lake.

The next Orange bass tourney that comes along PLAIN TALKS is going too. After this story, we've got to see it for ourselves.



Bass tourney winners at Orange are: left to right, Jimmy Prewitt, Doug Blevins and Jimmy Block. All in all it was quite a tournament with some unusual catches and even more unusual stories. See story.

Jack Worthy

Named To Board

Jack Worthy, vice president of the Baton Rouge Division, has been named to the board of directors of City National Bank in Baton Rouge. The announcement was made by Lewis Gottlieb, chairman of the board.

Mr. Worthy has long been active in civic and governmental affairs, and has held an impressive number of positions with such organizations as the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, Baton Rouge General Hospital-Building and Grounds Committee, Louisiana State Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, Baton Rouge Advertising Club, Press

Club, Public Relations Society of America, Capitol Area Health Planning Council, Capitol Area Retarded Children's Building Fund and many more.

A native of St. Joseph, La., Mr. Worthy is married to the former Norma Kimmel. They have three children.

He joined the company in 1956 as an Advertising representative, and transferred to Baton Rouge that same year as assistant director of advertising. He is a journalism graduate of LSU, and has completed the University of Michigan Public Utility Executive Program. He was promoted to Vice President Baton Rouge Division in 1971.



King Gabriel XXXIII was the center of attention recently in Lafayette as he ruled over his Acadians during the Mardi Gras parade on "Fat Tuesday." The King was reunited with Evangeline, his queen, as nearly 100,000 people jammed the streets of the Cajun Capital to watch. The Lafayette parade was the culmination of the carnival season in Acadiana which had begun back on Jan. 6. Cajun Mardi Gras has become a unique, and all-together different type of celebration from the larger and more gaudy festivities of New Orleans.

Lafayette Plays Host In Mardi Gras Climax

The City of Lafayette played host to nearly 100,000 revelers on "Fat Tuesday" and lived up to its name and reputation of having the second largest Mardi Gras celebration in Louisiana.

Directed under the auspices of the Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association, the festivities brought together King Gabriel and Queen Evangeline to lead their people in merry making.

According to the true story, Gabriel and Evangeline were never reunited. Gabriel, thinking he would never see his true love again, married another woman. When Evangeline finally arrived in St. Martinville, Gabriel had to tell her of his marriage. He moved away, and Evangeline eventually died of a broken heart. That's not right according to Longfellow, but the Acadians have rewritten the ending and bring the two lovers together each year on Mardi Gras day.

The Lafayette Mardi Gras celebration has grown a little larger each year until now it ranks second only to New Orleans in size. Many people who have seen both prefer the Cajun Capital's version because it does not have the overwhelming commercialism that is found in New Orleans. It is the aim of the Mardi Gras Association in Lafayette to make their's THE best in the state, promoting not only Lafayette, but Acadiana as a whole.

The sophistication, pomp and ceremony of the Lafayette balls and parades, blends in harmony with the balls and pageants of the surrounding cities such as at St. Martinville, New Iberia and many others.

The Carnival Season, as it is known, officially begins each Jan. 6, the Epiphany. Then the excitement and merry making slowly build momentum until the climax on Mardi Gras day. The

tourist can use Lafayette as home base, and be within easy driving distance of hundreds of various events that help make the Cajun Mardi Gras season one of the most unique seasons of the year.

A stitch in Time

More than 90 percent of breast cancer patients discover the tumors themselves, through breast self-examination. The American Cancer Society urges every woman to check with her physician if she notices a lump or thickening.

Company Airs New Commercials

"Try it . . . you'll like it!"

"I'd like to buy the world a coke."

"I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

Practically everybody associates these now-overworked lines with an entertaining television commercial. The sponsors, who paid for the production, are assur-

edly smiling at the reams of extra advertising exposure they're reaping through these conversational pieces.

Call it what you will - TV, boob tube, big eye - television is the strongest mass communications vehicle that now exists. And your company's television commercials are competing during network time

periods, with the finest, most entertaining - and most expensive - commercials in the land. So far, we've been able to hold our own, although the company's budget does not allow the elaborate settings and talent that national advertisers must use.

Recently, we produced three commercials designed to inform the public of our problems while at the same time "humanizing" GSU from a big corporation by means of a pleasant, wholesome and attractive customer clerk. The commercials are built around her day with a variety of customers - from high bill complaints to a little boy in trouble.

The idea was conceived by the Advertising Department, which met with the advertising agency to seek suitable scripts. Once these were approved, Advertising and Public Relations Director Jim Turner and Aylin Beaumont Manager Herschel Mathews went talent hunting. The commercials were shot on our Beaumont sales floor, utilizing Fiegelson/Gertz/Hall as film producers.

Keep your eyes on your TV sets in July - August - September for this debut. Hope you like them.

Bowling Tourney Plans Finalized

A final check with co-chairman Del Vavasseur and Nikki Falcon has revealed that all is ready for the annual GSU Bowling Tournament set for Circle Lanes in Baton Rouge on the 29th of this month.

As it stands of this writing, Del says that it looks like some 30 teams might be on hand for the tournament. That would make it the biggest tournament to date.

"Lake Charles has told me that they plan to have approximately 10 teams here," said Del, "and we should be able to get five or more teams from the Beaumont area and Port Arthur."

One important factor was pointed out, any bowler in any town can bowl in the tournament even though there may not be a company league in that town. "We're bound to have some company people who bowl in towns like Jennings, Lafayette, Opelousas or any place else. If they want to bowl but can't get a team together, just contact me and we'll place them on a team here. Just let me know and we'll put a team together."

Entry blanks have been sent out into the various divisions for distribution. "If someone does not get one, or loses it, be sure to contact me in Port Allen," said Del.

Some 21 teams participated in the tournament last year held in Lake Charles. Andy's Harem (Andy Poulson, Mary Lee Best, Muriel Hayes and Gerry Russell) of Beaumont won the team event by 20 pins over the Lake Charles Run Offs, 2384 to 2364. These scores were based on a four man team.



Jim Turner, director of Advertising and Public Relations (hands on hip), helps supervise the filming of a television commercial recently on the sales floor of the Beaumont office. The script was written by Aylin Advertising Agency of Beaumont. The commercial deals with the day to day work of our customer clerks.

Deaths



Francis G. Krumholt



Barney L. Calvit



Joseph T. Lane



Seth Dorbandt, a member of the company's Board of Directors, and President and Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Conroe, has been named Montgomery County's Outstanding Citizen of 1971. It is the highest award given by the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

Francis G. Krumholt, retired water plant operator from Louisiana Station in Baton Rouge, died late in February in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Krumholt retired in 1965 after some 35 years of service, all of which was spent in Baton Rouge.

A native of Baker, La., Mr. Krumholt attended Central High School in Baton Rouge, and was among the men who helped build Louisiana Station.

Mr. Krumholt is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jim W. Dunham of Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Jimmy Latting, also of Baton Rouge. He also leaves behind three sons, Mr. Charles H. Krumholt of Baton Rouge, and Harold P. Krumholt and F. G. Krumholt, both of Baker; a brother, Thomas E. Krumholt of Baker, and sixteen grandchildren.

Barney L. Calvit, retired general line foreman in Baton Rouge, died Feb. 27 in that city at 72 years of age.

Mr. Calvit, a 40-year veteran of the company, began his career with the company in 1921 as a groundman, and spent his entire time in Baton Rouge. He was promoted to sub-foreman, and then in 1939 was promoted again, this time to line foreman. He was made assistant general line foreman in 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hildred Sharpe Calvit, Baton

Rouge; two daughters, Mrs. William (Jean) Lang, Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Rock Rodgers, Memphis, Tenn.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Patricia Ramsey, Greenwell Springs; two stepsons, Glen Ferguson, Baton Rouge, and George Ferguson, Baton Rouge; one sister, Mrs. Doris Jones, Houston, Tex.; two brothers, Jesse Mock, Prairieville, and Rufus Mock, Greenwell, Miss., and 13 grandchildren. He was a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Joseph T. Lane, 74-year-old retired senior sales representative for the company, died in early March in a Baton Rouge hospital.

Mr. Lane, born in Hammond, La. in 1897, first joined the company in 1925 as a streetcar operator, and later in that same year worked as a collector. Both of these positions were with Baton Rouge Electric Co. shortly before incorporation into Gulf States Utilities Co.

Other jobs held by Mr. Lane included credit clerk, complaint adjustor and sales representative. All his career with the company was in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Lane is survived by his wife, the former Lillian Deselle; son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lane, and three grandchildren, Debra, Karen and Gary Lane, all of Baton Rouge.

Thrift Plan

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during February, 1972 covering employee deductions and Company contributions through January, 1972 were as follows:

3,417 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$69,925.51 for an average cost per share of \$20.464.

101 shares of \$4.40 preferred stock at a total cost of \$6,541.22 or an average cost per share of \$64.765.

The Trustee deposited \$45,883.51 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank.

AN EMPLOYEE'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Help me to be the kind of an employee my supervisor would like me to be. Give me the ability at all times to do my work correctly, even though my boss has never shown me how and wouldn't acknowledge a good job done anyhow. Give me that love for my fellow men which passeth all understanding so that when my supervisor is unreasonable and blames me for something someone else has done, I may keep my shoulder to the wheels, my nose to the grindstone and my mouth shut instead of poking him in the nose as he so richly deserves, Dear Lord.

Instill into my inner soul acceptance of life as it is so that no longer will I toss and turn all night fretting about what the boss has against me and how come, when I am so much smarter, that he's the boss and not me.

Teach me to keep a stiff upper lip when the boss says DO THIS! Instead of WILL YOU PLEASE.

Make me a better follower and subordinate by helping me to develop qualities of humility and meekness and the ability to second guess and to see out of the back of my head.

And when, Dear Lord, Thou has helped me to achieve the lofty status of the ideal employee, kick my boss upstairs, so I can take over as THE PERFECT SUPERVISOR!

Amen

Equal Space & Equal Time

(Editor's Note: The following was sent to us from Lafayette reporter Bobbie Denais. She says she found them while cleaning her desk.)

A SUPERVISOR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Help me to become the kind of supervisor my management would like to have me be. Give me the mysterious something which will enable me at all times satisfactorily to explain all policies, rules, regulations, and procedures to my workers even when they have never been explained to me.

Help me to teach and to train the uninterested and dimwitted without ever losing my patience or my temper.

Give me that love for my fellow men which passeth all understanding so that I may lead the recalcitrant, obstinate, no-good worker into the paths of righteousness by my own example and my soft persuading remonstrance, instead of busting him in the nose.

Instill into my inner being tranquility and peace of mind that no longer will I wake from my restless sleep in the middle of the night crying out, WHAT HAS THE BOSS GOT THAT I HAVEN'T AND HOW DID HE GET IT?

Teach me to smile if it kills me. Make me a better leader of men by helping develop larger and greater qualities of understanding, tolerance, sympathy, wisdom, perspective, equanimity, mind-reading and second sight. And, when, Dear Lord, Thou has helped me to achieve the high pinnacle my management has prescribed for me and when I shall have become the paragon of all supervisory virtue in this earthly world. Dear Lord, MOVE OVER!

Amen

LETTERS

From employees, customers and friends of GSU

BEAUMONT

Dear Mr. (Floyd) Smith:

We sincerely appreciate your assistance and the help of MR. MURPHY, MR. COLE, MR. LEICHT, MR. TRAMMELL and all who had anything to do with the donation by GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY of four U41GGT radios to the Beaumont Red Cross.

These radios will be used in disaster service and for official chapter business.

Be assured that whenever your Red Cross is able to respond quicker, coordinate better and do those things that result in saving life or lessening of human suffering yours will have been a meaningful contribution.

Sincerely,

Walter H. Nebgen
Assistant Executive Director
Beaumont Chapter
American Red Cross

PORT ARTHUR

Dear Mrs. (Sue) Williams:

On behalf of the officers and members of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, we want to thank you for taking the time to be a judge in our hat contest.

We hope you enjoyed judging the hat's. This year's entries were the largest number we have ever had. We know the decision was a difficult one.

Again we want to thank you for participating in this year's Hat Breakfast.

Most gratefully,

Mrs. Paul Dubois
Corresponding Secretary
St. Mary's Hospital

LAKE CHARLES

Dear Mr. (Joe) Bondurant:

The Home Economics staff of Gulf States, especially Pam Ford, have been a tremendous help to us in teaching the Home Economics Internship Course. Pam has directed our students in working along with she and the other Home Economists and through this experience the students have learned a great deal about business home economists jobs.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of Gulf States in this project. I feel that Pam Ford is an outstanding example of the young business home economist and hope that you are aware of the tremendous asset she is to your company.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zona Dale Taylor
Acting Head
Home Economics
McNeese State University

BATON ROUGE

Dear Mr. (W. P.) Gautreaux:

I'd like to say a good word for your serviceman Ronny Bordelon. He put my central heating unit in excellent working condition in just a few minutes. This is the same trouble that we have had your service men check and attempt to repair for more than four years. I think he is a fine asset on your city staff.

Please give him a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,
A. E. Wilder, Jr.
Executive Director

LAFAYETTE

Dear Horace: (LaComb)

I certainly want to relay the good comments that have been made by our employees regarding your part in the Public Relations Conference. Believe me, your presentation was well received and most profitable. Several have made statements to me which indicate that you were on target.

Allow me to add my personal appreciation to you for assisting me in this vital service to our community.

Kindest personal regards,
Wilton W. Wilson
Safety & Training
Supervisor
City of Lafayette

BEAUMONT

Dear Malcolm: (Williams)

My time with state government is rapidly growing to a close, but I cannot let it pass without telling you and the other members of LIDEA that whatever success we might have achieved in the past seven and a half years has, in my opinion, been brought about by the co-operation and assistance given to the Department of Commerce and Industry by the members of LIDEA.

Of course, I do not know what the future will bring but I certainly hope that our association will continue and I look forward to working with you for the good of our State.

Best wishes for a happy 1972.

Sincerely,
William T. Hackett, Jr.
Executive Director
La. Dept. of Commerce
& Industry

SERVICE AWARDS

TEN YEARS



E. Beth Dodge
Executive
Beaumont



Larry D. Guillory
Distribution
Lake Charles



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Lake Charles



Patrick C. Moore
Distribution
Lake Charles



Edith C. Patterson
Distribution
Lake Charles

Retirements

Sidney J. Hebert, an employee of the company since 1929, retired March 1, after 43 years of service.

A sales representative in the Port Arthur Division, Mr. Hebert first joined the company as a bill deliverer. He has spent his entire career in Port Arthur.

Born in LeRoy, La., Mr. Hebert served in the Army Air Force in World War II, and married the former Clofa Berard of St. Martinville, La. The couple has three children, Mrs. Carl Van Hess of Groves, Tex., and Bert Hebert and Gary Hebert, both students at Edison Junior High School in Port Arthur.

The Heberts are members of St. James Catholic Church.

According to Mr. Hebert, he just plans to fish and work around the house now that he has retired.

Felix C. Vercher, a 43-year veteran of the company, retired April 1, as substation foreman in Beaumont.

Mr. Vercher joined the company in November of 1928 as a lineman, and worked his way up through various levels of responsibility. He was made substation mechanic in 1941, and promoted to foreman in 1948.

A native of Cotton Port, La., Mr. Vercher is married to the former Corrine Scallan of Mansur, La. They have two daughters, both married, Mrs. Eldon Bruce of Beaumont and Mrs. Marvin Pfarr of Houston. The Verchers have one granddaughter.

"I don't plan to do much of anything after retirement," said Mr. Vercher, "I like to hunt and fish, and I'll work around the place here." He also said he plans to get in some traveling.

Howard S. Charlton, after working for the company for the past 47 years, is retiring to the easy life.

A native of Lottie, La., Mr. Charlton has worked in Baton Rouge and Beaumont during his tenure, and plans to

make Baton Rouge his home from now on.

He first joined the company in 1925 as a line order clerk, and has held a variety of jobs in the years since. In 1928 he was made assistant head ledger clerk in Treasury Division in Baton Rouge. He has also been assistant payroll clerk, chief clerk, senior general clerk and senior clerk.

In 1948 Mr. Charlton was transferred to Beaumont in System Treasury and became administrative assistant in accounting, and later in the statistical section of System Treasury. He was named internal auditor in 1960, a job he held until his retirement.

He is an army veteran having served from 1943 to 1945.

A bachelor, Mr. Charlton plans to catch up on his favorite past-time, fishing.



Felix C. Vercher



Sidney J. Hebert

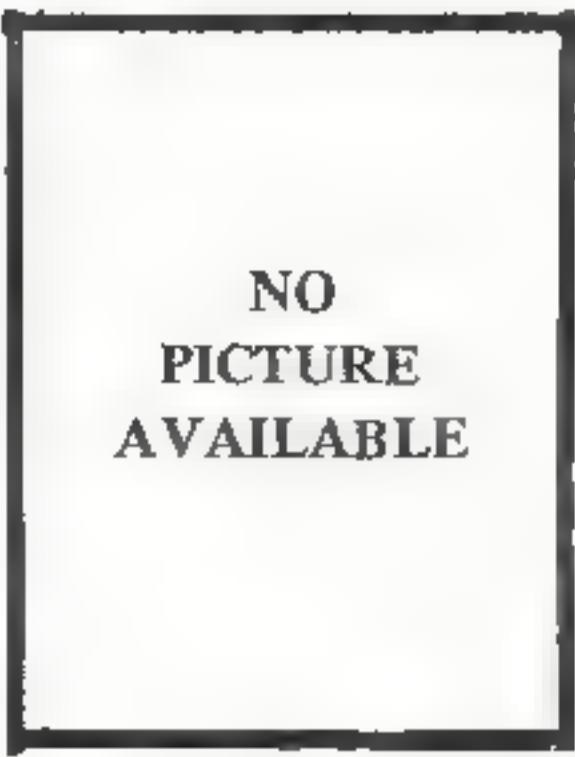


Howard S. Charlton

People On The Move



Sherman H. Canfield



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Robert J. Tassin



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Charles L. Dake



Andrew Landry

Sherman H. Canfield has moved up to general substation foreman in Beaumont T&D-Substation.

Mr. Canfield, an employee of the company since 1945, formerly served as assistant general substation foreman. He also has held other Beaumont substation posts.

A native of Denver, Colo., Mr. Canfield graduated from Denver's North High School and has completed several technical courses. He is a World War II veteran, having served from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Canfield is a life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and is active in the Roy Guess School P-TA. He also is an adult leader in the Camp Fire Girls organization.

Married to the former Mildred Williams of Beaumont, he and his wife have a daughter, Sheri, 12. The family attends Cathedral in The Pines Christian Center.

Charles L. Dake, formerly serviceman in Baton Rouge T&D, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Mr. Dake joined the company at Baton Rouge in 1958. He progressed through various line department classifications and had served as serviceman since June, 1971.

A Baton Rouge native, he graduated from Central High School there.

Mr. Dake is married to the former Joyce Durbin of Baton Rouge, and the

couple has three children. They are Lee Ann, 14, Charles, 11, and Pamela, 9. The family attends Victoria Baptist Church.

Andrew Landry, formerly lineman in Lake Charles T&D, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Employed by the company at Lake Charles in 1952, Mr. Landry progressed through various lineman classifications.

Born in Edgerly, Calif., he was graduated from high school at DeRidder, La. He served in the Navy for four years during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Landry has been active in youth baseball and Cub Scout work in the Lake Charles area.

He is married to the former Geraldine Duhon of Lake Charles, and the couple has four children. They are Mrs. Roland Pessoni, Jr. and Dwight, Richard and Scott Landry. The family attends Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Robert J. Tassin, formerly lineman in Baton Rouge T&D, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Joining the company in 1965, Mr. Tassin started out in the Baton Rouge line department and progressed through various classifications.

A native of Baton Rouge, Mr. Tassin is a graduate of Woodlawn High School, and he attended Louisiana State University.

Mr. Tassin served in the Army for six months during 1964.

Hydrographic Tests Made At River Bend

A series of hydrographic studies of the Mississippi River near St. Francisville have been conducted by the company adjacent to the proposed site of the River Bend Nuclear Power Station.

A detailed water study, undertaken as part of the environmental studies of the plant site area, included a dye tracer release study.

This study entails the release of small amounts of a red fluorescent dye into the river. The dye forms a plume that is invisible to the eye, but which can be monitored by special devices. The dye is non-toxic, harmless to wildlife, and does not affect use of the river water.

By monitoring the dispersement of the dye it can be learned just how the river currents run through a particular area. This pattern, or dispersion characteristic, is a basic item of knowledge needed before construction of the plant is begun.

The site of the future power station is approximately 20 miles north of Baton Rouge and three miles south of St. Francisville on the east bank of the Mississippi in West Feliciana Parish.

Aquatec, Inc. of South Burlington, Va. was awarded the contract to conduct this hydrographic part of the environmental studies.



If you have any story you think is interesting and would like to see in PLAIN TALKS, just contact the reporter nearest you, and he (or she) will see that it gets to the editor. A complete list of the reporters and their location can be found on the first page of each Coffee Cup section.



REPORTERS

If you have any news for "Plain Talks," simply send the information to one of the following local reporters. They will be happy to assist you in getting the material to the Editor.

BATON ROUGE: Henry Joyner, Margie Force (T&D), Fay Hebert (T&D), T. Boone Chaney (T&D), Melanie Hima (T&D), Charles L. Miller (T&D), Jack Gautreaux (T&D), Clyde Cannon (T&D), James W. Bello (T&D), Beverly Hull (Gas), Opal Temple (Acct.), Robert Graves (T&D).

BEAUMONT: Linda McSwain (S.C.), Bill Toups (S.C.), Barbara Lindsey, Ann Ogden, Edy Waltmon, Linda Marks.

CALVERT: Janis E. Wilganowski.

CLEVELAND: Pat Jones, Edd Mitchell.

CONROE: Frances Elliot.

DENHAM SPRINGS: Lenelle Juban.

GONZALES: Billy Fortenberry.

HUNTSVILLE: Priscilla Chandler.

JENNINGS: Earl Mayfield.

LAFAYETTE: Bobbie Denais.

LAKE CHARLES: Johnnie Harrie (T&D).

LA. STATION: Leslie Jeanssonne.

LEWIS CREEK: James Veatch.

MADISONVILLE: Wanda H. Tinsley.

NAVASOTA: Betty Dickschat.

NECHES STATION: Gene Russell, Hazel Higginbotham.

NELSON STATION: Martha Caldwell.

ORANGE: Davie Carpenter.

PORT ALLEN: Adele Vavasseur.

PORT ARTHUR: Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.).

SABINE STATION: Kathleen Fuller.

SILSBEE: Maxie Bell.

SULPHUR: Pearl Darbonne.

WILLOW GLEN: Dora Landaiche.

WOODVILLE: Alene Waggoner.

ZACHARY: Myra Kirby.

(Editor's Note: If any of the above reporters are no longer reporting or with the company, we would appreciate knowing about it. This holds true also if any reporter's name has been omitted.)



Jimmy Smith, mechanic maintenance supervisor at Louisiana Station, really got a change of pace and scenery in recently when he traveled to Colorado for some skiing. According to all reports Jimmy didn't break anything, although he did come close a couple of times. (from Leslie Jeanssonne)



These are the winners of the Livingston Parish Bass Anglers Association tournament held on Tickfaw River in January. Robert Garrison, left, and George M. Davis, Jr., right, composed the winning team and are shown with their catch. Also shown, center, is Pat O'Neal, operator of the tournament headquarters, Pat's Marina. George M. is sales representative in Denham Springs. (from *Lenelle Juban*)



Cindy Kaye Marshall, Baton Rouge Accounting, became the bride of Gary Worthington in a late November wedding at the Broadmoor Methodist Church. They are making their home in Baton Rouge. (from *Opal Temple*)



These pretty ladies at Louisiana Station all got together for the birthday of Leslie Jeanson (second from left). Leslie, who just turned 22, had plenty of help in eating her cake from, left to right, Marilyn Nicholson, Mary Pruple and Linda Nelson. Joe Hebert was also given a lot of credit in helping to make Leslie's party a successful one. (from *Leslie Jeanson*)



Del Vavasseur (right) office clerk in Port Allen, spent a month in Europe visiting her sister Jeanne and her family. Del traveled extensively through Germany and Italy, and also saw parts of Austria, Switzerland, the French and Italian Rivers, the Netherlands and Denmark. From left to right are, Mrs. P. W. Brignac, Sr., Jeanne's husband P. W., Jr., their son Shane, and Del. (from *Del Vavasseur*)



Harriet Babin, Home Service Advisor in Baton Rouge, wears the mantel of her newly acquired Master of Science degree in Home Economics at LSU. Miss Babin was given her graduate degree upon completion of her thesis, "Four Dimensions of Ten Decisions Made by Rural Families. (from Henry Joyner)



This is pretty Lisa Gibson, 13-year old daughter of G. C. and Verlie Gibson of Baton Rouge. Lisa is a student at University High, while mom is a clerk in Credit and Collections. (from Henry Joyner)



A company wedding took place in Baton Rouge in January as Miss Melanie Dollar and George R. Hima decided that two could live more cheaply than one. George is in the Line Department and Melanie is the departmental clerk in the Substation Department. The couple honeymooned in Florida. (from the new Mrs. George Hima)



Julie Christine couldn't care less about having her picture taken, but her proud parents, Tommy and Shelia Allen, enjoy showing off their new baby. Miss Julie is the Allen's first child, and was born Dec. 21. The smiling daddy is a residential salesman in Baton Rouge. (from Henry Joyner)



Dannon Erskins poses for his birthday picture, his second, at a studio in Baton Rouge. Dannon is the son of Beth and Danny Erskins. Beth is a clerk in Customer Relations, and dad is a student at LSU studying architecture. (from Opal Temple)



Russell Reynolds, 10th grader at Glen Oaks High School, was recently elected to the Beta Club. He is the son of Baton Rouge supervisor of Customer Accounts. (from Opal Temple)

Beaumont



Some readers may remember seeing this picture before. It appeared on the front page of the Beaumont Journal and was taken by Stuart Hayes. Number 12 is Allen Arnold, son of Clayton Arnold, System Treasury. Allen, along with classmates Tim Crain and Julie Miller collected dimes to help the crippled children, then measured their take. Since Allen was the tallest he was used as the yardstick. It was learned that 56 inches of dimes were collected -- \$8.00 worth. Good work kids. (from Clayton Arnold)



Barbara Anne Hawkes and three-year-old daughter Stephanie Anne, pose with the newest addition to the household, Allison Anne. The proud father, Marshall Hawkes (T&D Beaumont), reports the baby weighed in at seven-pounds-13 ounces. Allison Anne was born just after the noon hour on Feb. 18. (from Linda McSwain)



Naaman Jarvis Victorian, three month old son of Joe and Barbara Victorian, was less than a month old when he was exposed to his first flash bulb. Naaman made his appearance into the world on Jan. 25 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. Dad is a meter man first class. Congratulations. (from Linda McSwain)



Home Service Coordinator Mildred Tribble (center) and two of her advisors in the Western Division, Yvonne Smith (left) and Emily Fleming, recently participated in a conference for homemaking teachers in Nacogdoches, Tex. Held at Stephen F. Austin State University, theme for the event was "Around the World." (from the Editor)

—Conroe—



Charles T. Riddel was the guest of honor recently at a retirement party held for him by members of the Conroe office and Western Division. L. J. Bodemann was the master of ceremonies for the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Riddel were given several gifts by the gathering. The popular foreman has been with the company some 43 years. (from Bobbie Burke)

—Navasota—



J. L. Haddox (left) operating supervisor in Navasota, was given a retirement party to honor his career with the company in the Western Division. Many fellow employees, active and retired, showed up to wish him well. J. K. Inglehart (right) presented Mr. Haddox with a toy camper which had a gift enclosed, and Mrs. Haddox was presented with a watch. A new .22 automatic rifle was also among the gifts given to this popular supervisor. (from Bobbie Burke)



Frank Robinson, (left) Division Operations, and Vic Norvell, Sales Superintendent (right), were both quite proud of their offspring recently upon their graduation from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. With their dads are Nancy Louise Robinson Grossenbacher and Bradley F. Norvell. (from Francis Elliot)

Lewis Creek Station



For having one of the best safety records in the system, the Lewis Creek Station employees were feted to a barbecue by the Safety Department. Shown in the photo are, front left to right, Gene Kriner, Bill Richard (Division Manager), Andy Poulson (Safety Dept. representative), Martin McDaniels. Back row, left to right, Gary Diamond, Dann Fagg, Lee Hammack, Earnest Cannon, James Veatch, James Perry, Bill Linnehan, Larry Madden, D. O. Gipson, Lonnie Cobb, and W. Dube. Bill Richard promised another party if the safety record continued. (from James Veatch)



Bobby Clay, Jr., six-year-old son of Bobby Clay, 1st class test technician at Lewis Creek Station near Conroe, proudly holds a five-pound bass he caught while fishing at the Lewis Creek Reservoir. Not only is the fish the largest Bobby Jr. has caught, but the largest bass to be pulled out of the station lake in quite some time. (from James T. Veatch)

The recent luck of two promising Lewis Creek deer hunters, D. O. Gibson (Operations Supervisor) and Martin McDaniel (electrical foreman), provided the main course at a deer barbecue held at Lewis Creek lake house for employees. Some of those attending were (left to right) Martin McDaniel, Scott Bunch, Larry Madden, Bobby Clay, Gary Diamond, Gary Cockrill, Robert Riviere, D. O. Gibson, Danny Gilbert, Weldon Dube, Horace Taylor and James Veatch. (from James Veatch)



Lake Charles



Ann Derby holds her nephew, Walton Charles Burnett. Ann is the daughter of Bob Derby, and Walton is Bob's first grandchild. Bob is general substation foreman in the Lake Charles Substation Department. (from Johnnie Harris)



Dan Goodman (second from left) tears into one of the gifts given him by his friends and co-workers at a going-away party held for him in the Service Center in Lake Charles. Mr. Goodman was transferred from Lake Charles to Conroe and promoted. (from Johnnie Harris)

Roger Hebert, son of Jean Hebert of the Lake Charles Storeroom, is a member of the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Basketball team. Roger has been an outstanding player this year and has led his team as the high scorer. Recently the "Barons" played in the I.C.S. Tournament and Roger received the "All Tournament" Trophy for his team. Jean's daughter, Sharon, is a Cheerleader for the school and does a great job cheering for her brother. (from Johnnie Harris)



This self-confident youngster is Gerald Parks Handley III, grandson of Gerald Parks Handley of the Lake Charles Line Department. Little Gerald was six weeks old at the time of the picture. (from Johnnie Harris)

Calvin Hall was recently appointed Boys Life Chairman of Lakeside District for the Boy Scouts. He is also serving as Chairman of Council on Camping & Activities in Lake Charles. (from Johnnie Harris)

Denise Hughes was chosen for the Contraband Honor Band and performed at McNeese in January. Denise plays clarinet at Louis Jr. High School in Sulphur. Her proud Mommy is Phyllis Hughes, a Departmental Clerk in Lake Charles Engineering Department. (from Johnnie Harris)

Danny V. Coleman, Sulphur Line Helper, and his wife have a brand new male arrival. His name is Derek Van, and he made his scheduled appearance February 3, 1972. (from Johnnie Harris)

Lafayette



J. W. Lamm, district superintendent at Lafayette, holds up "the one that didn't get away." This eight-point buck was killed at the Thistlewaite Game area at Washington, La. The buck field dressed at 155-pounds. Mr. Lamm brought the buck down with a new 30.06 rifle. (from Bobbie Denais)



Welcome Aboard!

SYSTEM DEPARTMENTS

Information & Data Services

Obey, Alice M. — Beaumont, Stenographer (Records)
Crosson, Kathy P. — Beaumont, Key Punch Operator
(Data Sys Operns)
Guidry, Sandry L. — Beaumont, Key Punch Operator
(Data Sys Operns)

System Treasury

Egulf, Karen S. — Beaumont, Clerk - Purchasing
Slaughter, Alice P. — Beaumont, Clerk - Gen Acctg
(Accts Payable)

System Production

Gaudet, Glynn A. — Beaumont, Test Technician 2nd Class

System Engineering

Tindall, William P., III — Beaumont, Engr Helper - Engr Des
(Rel Des & Coord)
Davis, Betty R. — Beaumont, Dept Clerk - Engr Plann (Sched)
French, Terry K. — Beaumont, Dept Clerk — Engr Des
(DEC-Drftg)

BEAUMONT DIVISION

Production

Stewart, Edward, Jr. — Beaumont, Mechanic's Helper
(Neches Sta)

Distribution

Morrison, Arthur C., Jr. — Beaumont, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)
Murdock, Jerry — Beaumont, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)
Church, Jimmie C. — Beaumont, Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)
Felder, Jeff R., III — Beaumont, Appliance Repairman
Helper - T&D

Priddy, Mitchell B. — Beaumont, Laborer I — T&D Dept (Line)
Simpson, Joe A. — Beaumont, Laborer I — T&D Dept (Line)

Sales

Boudreaux, Carolyn B. — Beaumont, Home Service Advisor-Jr.

Treasury

Sterling, Jo W. — Beaumont, Clerk - Cust Acctg (Cr & Col)

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

Distribution

Tooley, Gary C. — Port Arthur, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)

WESTERN DIVISION

Distribution

Stewart, Katherine A. — Conroe, Dept Clerk - T&D (Engr)

BATON ROUGE DIVISION

Production

Dencausse, John H. — Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator -
W/Glen Sta
Lewis, Daniel — Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator -
W/Glen Sta

Distribution

Rimes, Ben R. — Baton Rouge, Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)
Neyland, Carl, Jr. — Baton Rouge, Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)
Mitchell, Earl R. — Baton Rouge, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Sales

Shirk, Doris W. — Baton Rouge, Stenographer - Div Sales

Treasury

Lucas, Juanita M. — Baton Rouge, Clerk - Cust Acctg

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Distribution

Hooper, Tommy D. — Lake Charles, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)
Trahan, Keith T. — Lafayette, Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)

Sales

Kohnen, Gloria G. — Lake Charles, Home Service Advisor, Jr

Treasury

Saltzman, Debra A. — Lafayette, Clerk - Cust Acctg

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Cooper, Wallace H., Jr. — Beaumont, Admn Acct - Acctg
Operns (Plant)

Landry, William B., Jr. — Beaumont, Admn Acct - Acctg
Operns (Order Proc)

Childs, Samuel L. — Beaumont, Admn Acct - Acctg Operns
(Gen Accts)

Siragusa, James R. — Beaumont, Student Engr - Sys Eng Des
(Des Eng-Const)

Klement, Lynn J. — Beaumont, Student Engr - Sys Prod

Barclay, Daniel A. — Beaumont, Student Engr - T&D (Eng)

*Peters, Joe G. — Beaumont, Dept Clerk - Inf & Data Serv
(Records)

*Beverly, Theodore, Jr. — Baton Rouge, Environmental
Techn - Constr-Prod

*Part-Time employee

The Best of Babin



Harriet Babin, working out of the Baton Rouge office, has been a Home Service Advisor since 1960 after earning her degree from LSU in Vocational Home Economics Education. Miss Babin recently added to her academic standing by earning her M.S. degree, also from LSU. She has been quite active in Louisiana and American Home Economics Associations and is the current secretary (past chairman and vice-chairman) of the Louisiana Home Economists in Business, is secretary-treasurer of the Baton Rouge Home Economics Club, and chairman of the LSU Home Economics Alumni Association. Harriet's recipes for this month are one-dish meals:

"For busy homemakers, who enjoy serving easy yet out-of-the-ordinary meals to family and friends, let me suggest one-dish meals prepared in electric skillets. These versatile appliances not only prepare the food for you but serve it as well --- with heat controls set on low, the electrical helpers take over to keep food hot and double as serving dishes. The following skillet dish suggestions make a meal when combined with a beverage, a salad and hot bread."

FIESTA CONFETTI

1 lb. ground beef
1/4 cup chopped onion
One No. 2 can kidney beans
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup French dressing
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 Tbsp. chili powder
4 cups shredded lettuce
1/2 cup sliced green onion
2 cups sharp cheddar cheese

Brown beef in electric skillet in 2 Tbsps. fat unless skillet is Teflon coated. Add onion and cook until tender. Add kidney beans, French dressing, water and chili powder. Simmer for 15 minutes. Combine lettuce and green onions and place a serving on each individual's plate. Spoon a generous portion of meat sauce over the lettuce and sprinkle cheese on top. Serves 4 - 6.

LASAGNA

8 oz. pkg. lasagna (very broad noodles)
3 Tbsp. olive oil or salad oil
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 lb. ground beef
1 1/2 tsps. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 1/2 tsps. oregano
1 No. 303 can (2 cups) tomatoes
One 8 oz. can tomato sauce
One 12 oz. carton cottage cheese or Ricotta cheese
1/2 lb. Mozzarella cheese (sliced thin)
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup browned buttered bread crumbs

Cook lasagna according to package directions. Drain. Preheat electric skillet to 350 degrees. Brown onion and garlic lightly in oil. Add ground meat and cook until brown. Stir in seasonings and tomatoes. Reduce heat to 225 degrees. Arrange lasagna on top of meat sauce, then cottage cheese and Mozzarella. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top, make deep gashes through surface with sharp knife. Cover. Cook 25 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes until cheese melts and sauce is bubbly. Sprinkle with browned crumbs and serve. Serves 8 - 10.

ROME CHOWDER

1/4 lb. ground beef
1/4 lb. ground pork
2 Tbsps. shortening
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
1 cup spaghetti, broken in small pieces
1 No. 1 can peas, drained
One 4 oz. jar chopped ripe olives (optional)
One No. 2 can tomatoes
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 tsps. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 cup grated cheese

Brown meat in shortening in large skillet on second heat position of electric range. Add onion, spaghetti, peas and chopped olives. Pour tomatoes to which seasonings have been added over this. Cover. When steaming on high heat, cut switch to lowest heat. Cook 45 minutes. Sprinkle grated cheese on top 5 minutes before serving. Serves 3 - 4.

SKILLET PIZZA

2 Tbsps. shortening
1 1/2 cup biscuit mix
3/4 cup milk
One 8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 tsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
One 4 oz. can mushrooms (stems & pieces drained)
12 slices Mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1/2 tsp. salt

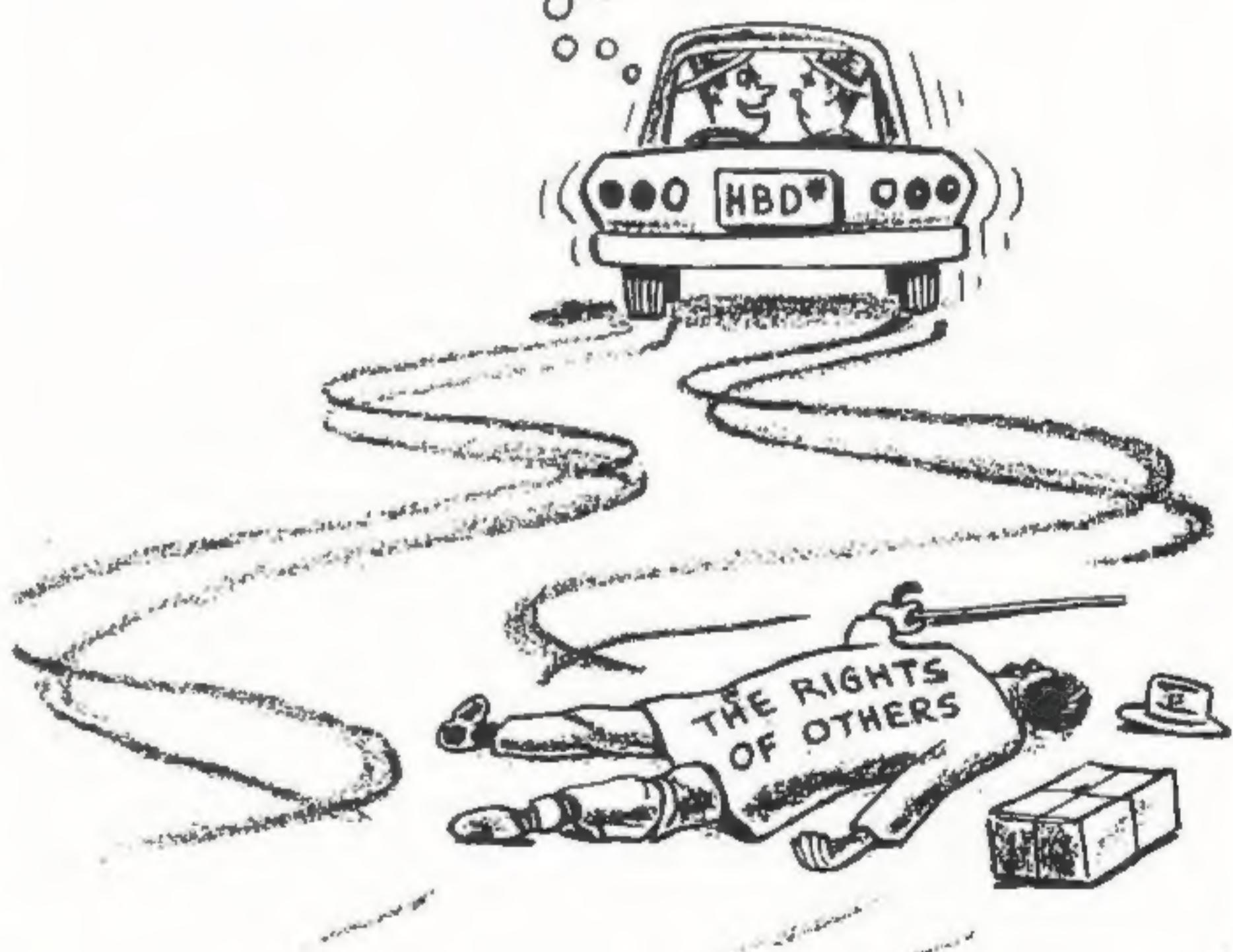
Grease cold, large electric skillet with shortening. Slightly blend biscuit mix and milk together. Spread dough evenly in fry pan. Mix tomato sauce, oregano, salt, garlic salt and pour over dough. Spread evenly. Arrange mushrooms and cheese slices, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover. Close vent. Set heat control at 325 degrees and bake about 20 minutes. If additional browning is desired, place under broiler lid with control set at 425 degrees. Cheese will brown in about two minutes. Serve hot. Serves 4 - 6.

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